

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 595

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kirby Lewis, 2009  
Salutatorian of Lexington High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kirby Lewis, is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Lexington High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kirby has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Lewis has earned an exemplary grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership while participating in a number of scholastic and civic endeavors, including Beta Club, DARE, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Renaissance Team, School Improvement Program Leadership Team and Principal's Review Team; he also served as president of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for his many achievements, he was the honored recipient of several awards from the United States Achievement Academy in the areas of math and science, named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, selected as state finalist in the Senate Youth Leadership Scholarship Program, and awarded a full scholarship to Union University; and

WHEREAS, he was also selected as the Tennessee alternate for the World Leadership Congress, and he attended American Legion Boys' State, displaying his singular skills while serving on the Governor's Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, he has volunteered his time and energies to several noteworthy organizations, and as a result, received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for a combined amount of 650 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, he is a faithful and active member of First Baptist Church, which he serves as a youth teacher during Vacation Bible School and on Wednesday nights; he also sings in the Voice of Truth Youth Choir; and

WHEREAS, Kirby's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Judy and Tony Lewis, his sister, Kristin Ketron, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Kirby's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Lexington High School Salutatorian, Kirby Lewis, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.